

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
ORDER AMENDING
ORDER ESTABLISHING
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DISABILITY

Effective: November 10, 2015

All of the Justices concurring therein, it is hereby ORDERED that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Order Establishing the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability, effective on July 5, 1978, are amended to read as follows. To aid in understanding of the amendment to the order, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Order Establishing the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability are amended to read as follows.

**ORDER ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL
RESPONSIBILITY AND DISABILITY**

1. There is hereby established a Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability consisting of ~~seven~~ eight members appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court. ~~Two members shall be either active or active retired justices of the Superior Court, active or active retired judges of the District Court, or active judges of probate. At no time shall the two judiciary members be members of the same court. One member shall be a justice of the Superior Court. One member shall be a judge of the District Court. One member shall be a judge of the Probate Courts.~~ Two members shall be attorneys at law admitted to practice in the State of Maine, and three members shall be representatives of the general public of the State of Maine and shall not be attorneys or members of the judiciary. The public and attorney members shall be appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court upon the recommendation of the Governor.

2. The term of each member shall be for six years, ~~except that initial appointments shall be as follows in order to achieve staggered terms:~~

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—A. ~~One judiciary member shall be appointed for a six-year term, and the other judiciary member shall be appointed for a four-year term;~~

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— ~~B. One attorney member shall be appointed to a four-year term, and one attorney member shall be appointed to a two-year term;~~

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— ~~C. One public member shall be appointed to a six-year term, the second public member shall be appointed to a four-year term, and the third public member shall be appointed to a two-year term;~~

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— ~~D.~~ No member shall serve more than one term in office, provided that the members appointed to serve two years or less of an initial or unexpired term shall not be considered to have served the equivalent of a term for purposes of this section.

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The membership of the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability is expanded to include one additional member who is a judge of probate. This member shall be appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, and the term of this member shall be six years.

The amendment to paragraphs 1 and 2 changes the judicial membership for the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability to specify that the judicial membership shall include one judge from the Superior Court, the District Court, and the Probate Courts respectively. The size of the Committee is expanded from seven to eight members to accommodate a member from each court.

Paragraph 2 is amended to delete transition provisions that were only necessary to secure staggered terms when the Committee was established. The limitation to one six-year term remains.

2. This amendment shall be effective on November 10, 2015.

Dated: November 10, 2015

FOR THE COURT^{*}

/s/

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^{*} This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.